



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 6

**Meeting Date:** September 6, 2006  
**Meeting Location:** Teleconference

### **Council Members Present:**

At Miami County: Chair Glynn Hipp, DCS Regional Manager; Fay Russell, Miami DCS Director, Marilyn Robinson, Howard CPS Supervisor, Ruby Troglen, Fulton Foster Parent

At Cass County: Judge Julian Ridlen, Barbara Hendrickson, GAL

At Howard County: Judge Lynn Murray

At Wabash County: Margery Justice, Wabash DCS Director

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Morton, Ramona Mahoney, Fulton County

**Others In Attendance:** Jim Shivley, IV B Coordinator, at his office; Beth Eiler, Children's Bureau Vice President, at her office, Judge McCallen in Wabash, Anita Closson, Cass DCS Director called from Cass County, and Chris Ackerman, Fulton DCS Director, Kate Verville, Institute of Applied Research (IAR), and Ron Barbee, Wernle, at Miami DCS.

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 4:00 PM by Chair Glynn Hipp

1. Attendance was taken, and a welcome was issued to Jim Shively, Beth Eiler, Kate Verville, and Ron Barbee.
2. The Council reviewed July's RSC minutes. No changes needed, Judge Murray moved, Judge Ridlen seconded. Motion passed.
3. Beth Eiler gave an update on Community Partners. They have hired Kim Keller, effective Oct. 4, 2006. Ms. Keller comes from Bona Vista at Kokomo and will be attending our next RSC meeting. She has great work experience, knowledge, and is very excited about her new position. Glynn, Chris, and Beth did the interviews, and all approved the hiring of Kim. Beth came up with some figures for the 2007 budget. We have \$333,420 to spend, for salary, benefits, and mileage. This leaves us with around \$150,000 for services. Beth would like to meet with Directors on what is

expected in each county and to set up MOU's. By October 2<sup>nd</sup>, MOU's should be sent to the lead agencies and hopefully signed and returned shortly. Beth would like to receive names by September 15 via her e-mail at [Beiler@childrensbureau.org](mailto:Beiler@childrensbureau.org) or sent thru Glynn.

4. Glynn asked if anyone had any ideas that can/should/could be done here that we haven't already talked about. Marilyn asked about a Regional Campaign on positional asphyxiation. Anita in Cass County has handouts available in their lobby on safe sleeping provided by the Child Abuse Prevention Council. She will send one to everyone so they can look them over. The greatest age group at risk for this is from 6-9 months old. If we had pamphlets, we could distribute them to Hospitals, WIC, and the Health Department. In some counties First Steps gives "goodie baskets" that might be used to distribute pamphlets. Some counties, such as Miami, already have Healthy Families giving out pamphlets. Another focus area Chris suggested are children being left alone in cars. This will be getting worse with the colder weather coming. The Child Abuse Prevention Councils are another source of partnering to distribute materials. All counties have a CAP council except Fulton, and they're not regularly active in a few other counties. Some other concerns are how we can get information out on Meth Labs and the contamination they leave in homes. It was brought up that back in June it was mentioned that we were to receive decontamination blankets for removal of kids living in homes with meth labs. We should partner with the Hazmat team or the drug task force. Chris brought up using the money for speakers at schools or billboards. Glynn will explore obtaining some of the additional \$800,000 for this purpose.
5. Expenditure Reports – (Judge Ridlen left for an appointment, and if Glynn votes we have a quorum.) Glynn posed the question to the members asking if the RSC wants to review the budget expenditures from counties. It was noted that most expenses from Family and Children are based on court orders. Fay brought up that the RSC's primary focus should be on finding services and alternative available services and not reviewing budgets that have already been approved thru Central Office, and expenditures ordered by individual county courts. Chris mentioned also that budget summaries go to the county council for review. Marilyn noted that budgets might not be voted on by the RSC, but could be helpful. After discussion a motion was made and approved to concentrate the first year on setting up the Community Partners program and overseeing the development of services.
6. Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** October 4, 2006 at 4:00 pm at the Miami County Office.